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**KENTUCKY'S DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSIONER HASAN
DAVIS SELECTED AS 2012 HENRY TOLL FELLOW**

Frankfort, Ky., -- Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Hasan Davis is one of 48 state leaders from across the nation selected for the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Council of State Governments.

The annual week-long seminar, to be held in September is named in honor of Henry Toll, a Colorado senator who founded CSG in 1933. The program, seeks to develop the next generation of leaders from all three branches of state government. This year's program, to be held in Lexington, Ky., focuses on trends analysis, policy development, media and constituent relations, and leadership and institutional changes. The experience gives these leaders perspectives they would not ordinarily obtain during the course of their regular governmental service.

Davis was nominated by the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown, with endorsements from Kentucky House Rep. Kelly Flood and Rep. Susan Westrom. Davis was selected from many outstanding applicants by a committee of state elected and appointed officials as one of the most promising leaders of state government. This year's applicant pool included state leaders from all three branches and represented 41 states, two US territories and two Canadian provinces. Past Toll Fellowship graduates include governors, US Senators and members of Congress, as well as leaders in state government.

Davis founded Empowerment Solutions, which offers training and resources to correctional facilities, community organizations, schools and non-profit groups nationwide in areas relating to youth, race, cultural dynamics and arts education. He previously served as director of cultural arts outreach for Bluegrass Community and Technical College, and was co-manager for the Rockefeller Foundation's Next Generation Leadership Program. He is a former director for the

National Conference for Communities and Justice's Camp Anytown, and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Youth Violence Prevention Project.

A 1992 graduate of Berea College, he also holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

The Council of State Governments is the premier multibranch organization forecasting policy trends for the community of states, commonwealths and territories on a national and regional basis. CSG alerts state elected and appointed officials to emerging social, economic, and political trends; offers innovative state policy responses to rapidly changing conditions; and advocates multistate problem-solving to maximize resources and competitiveness. CSG promotes excellence in decision-making and leadership skills and champions state sovereignty.

For more information about the Henry Toll Fellowship Program, please contact Krista Rinehart at (859)244-8249.

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